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GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

Scheme of Japan for Fiscal Year 1989
(1 April 1989-31 March 1990)

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The present document contains information drawn from published sources 1/ on the operation of the ceiling and/or maximum country amount limitations for fiscal year 1989 (1 April 1989-31 March 1990). Subsequent information will be published as it becomes available. 2/

2. Products in Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (H.S.) chapters 25-97, covered by the scheme and subject to ceilings and maximum country amount limitations, were classified into 145 product groups for the purpose of setting ceilings in fiscal year 1989. Flexible administration of ceilings was applied to 51 of these product groups.

3. During fiscal year 1989, preferential imports of products not subject to flexible administration of ceilings reached the ceiling limit and Most Favoured Nation (MFN) tariffs were re-established for the following 47 product groups: chemical products, leather products, certain wood products, textile products, footwear, artificial flowers, silver, jewellery articles, certain ferro-alloys, flat-rolled products of iron and steel, bars, rods, wire of iron and steel, refined copper, aluminium products, dolls and other toys (product groups, 6, 8, 11, 16, 18, 21, 27, 31, 40, 42, 44, 49, 50, 52, 54, 57, 58, 62, 64, 70, 79, 87, 89, 90, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 100, 104, 106, 107, 108, 111, 113, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 124, 131, 132, 133 and 141). It should be noted that 11 among these 47 product groups were also affected by the maximum amount

limitation with respect to individual beneficiary (before the ceiling limit was reached). These product groups are: 40, 44, 62, 70, 87, 92, 95, 96, 100, 104 and 108.

4. Maximum country amount limitations under flexible administration on preferential import from individual beneficiaries were applied in the case of 78 product groups. However, information is not available on whether actual preferential imports from individual beneficiaries reached or exceeded the maximum country amount limitation on these products. Preferential imports of 28 product groups not subject to flexible administration of the maximum country amount were affected by this limitation and MFN rates were re-established for affected individual beneficiaries. The product groups affected mainly comprised caustic soda and caustic potash, antimony trioxide, barium salts, dioctyl orthophthalates, pyrotechnic articles, rubber tyres other, patent leather, wood in the rough of kiri, transom, waribashi, tatamidoko, basketwork etc., yarn of silk, yarn of wool, yarn of flax or ramie, carpets and other carpets, embroidery in the piece, corsets, gloves, stockings, other footwear, glass cubes, imitation pearls, non-alloy pig-iron, copper bars, unwrought zinc, furniture and parts, other toys and brooms, brushes, paint rollers (product groups: 3, 4, 5, 13, 28, 32, 38, 48, 55, 56, 59, 60, 63, 65, 66, 71, 80, 81, 83, 93, 101, 105, 110, 125, 135, 140, 142 and 145).

5. Preferential imports falling within 14 product groups subject either to flexible administration of ceilings or to maximum amount limitations were reported to have exceeded the ceiling and the MFN rates were not re-established (product groups: 1, 8, 9, 10, 26, 41, 51, 53, 121, 122, 126, 130, 136 and 139).

6. The ceiling or maximum country amount limitations were applied to preferential imports from the following beneficiaries: all beneficiaries (47 product groups); China (25 product groups); Republic of Korea (15 product groups); Taiwan, Province of China (11 product groups); Thailand (3 product groups); Argentina, Indonesia, Malaysia and Pakistan (2 product groups each); Brazil, Islamic Republic of Iran, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia and Sri Lanka (one product group each).

7. Additional details of imports which reached the ceiling and/or maximum country amount in fiscal year 1989 are given in the annexed table.

Notes

1/ Tsusho Koho (Trade bulletin, 10 May 1990, published by JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization) in Japanese.

2/ For a review of the operation of the scheme in earlier years see TD/B/C.5/30/Add.1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 16, 19, 20, 23 and TD/B/C.5/Japan/1 to 14.

ANNEX

JAPANESE SCHEME OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES

Products for which ceiling and/or maximum amount was reached during fiscal year 1989

(1 April 1989 - 31 March 1990)

Item	Tariff Number	Description of goods	Ceiling quotas[a]	-Beneficiary affected -Date of re-establishment of MFN Rate of duties	MFN rate of duty %	Imports from beneficiary [a] [b]
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
3	281511 12,20	Caustic soda and caustic potash*	491	- Saudi Arabia - 1 July	4.6-6.4	329
4	2825 ex 80	Antimony trioxide*	1 180 Tons	- China - 1 June	12.8 or 16.8 yen/kg	1 580 Tons
5	282736,38 283327 283660	Barium salts, etc. *	10 078 Tons	- China - 14 April	4.6	4 039 Tons
6	284910 ex 90	Carbides, etc.	332	- All beneficiaries - 1 July	3	893
8	290250	Styrene**	2 970	- All beneficiaries - 30 May	6.4	5 750
11	290611	Menthol	15	- All beneficiaries - 4 April	22.4 or 720 yen/kg	120
13	291732	Dioctyl orthophthalates	2 631	- Rep. of Korea - 1 February	4.6	1 284
16	292242-1	Sodium glutamates	2	- All beneficiaries - 4 April	16	326
18	2939 ex 70	Nicotine sulphate**	68	- All beneficiaries - 22 June	6.2	69
21	3301 ex 25	Peppermint oil containing not more 65% weight of total menthol	12	- All beneficiaries - 4 April	9.6	59

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
27	350510-2 350520	Dextrines and glues	29	- All beneficiaries - 1 June	25 or 30 yen/kg	175
28	360400	Pyrotechnic articles*	667	- China - 1 June	4.8	1 369
31	3901 ex 3902 ex 3903 ex 3904 ex 3906 ex 3911 ex 10 3914 ex 00	Polyethylene, polystyrene, etc., in block, granules, flaks and similar bulk forms	9 179	- All beneficiaries - 4 April	4.1-11.2 various specific duties	11 422
32	4011 ex 401320 90	Rubber tyres other*	142	- Rep. of Korea - ——— - Philippines - 1 June - Thailand - 1 July - Malaysia - 1 September - Indonesia - 1 March	3.4	903
38	410900	Patent leather, etc	12	- Argentina - 3 October	35	6
40	420211, 12 21-32, 91, 92, 960500	Travel goods of leather	5 725	- Rep. of Korea - 20 April - All beneficiaries - 31 May	4.1-20	5 856
42	ex chapter 42	Articles of leather	203	- All beneficiaries - 3 October	3.9-12.5	271
44	430211 430219- ex 30	Raw fur skins	944	- China - 20 July - Argentina - 1 August - All beneficiaries - 21 March	15-20	951
48	440399- ex 1	Wood in the rough of kiri*	1 221	- China - 1 September	2.5	872
49	440721- ex 2 440799- ex 3	Wood of dipterocarpaceae**	5 769	- All beneficiaries - 1 August	5	10 775

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
50	440810 ex 44820 ex 440890- ex 4	Sheets for plywood**	978	- All beneficiaries - 1 July	5	1 949
52	440920- ex 1 4421 ex 90	Drawn wood of bamboo	4	- All beneficiaries - 4 April	7.5-10	6
54	441221-99 4420 ex 90	Other plywood, black-board, Lamin board, etc**	624	- All beneficiaries - 1 June	3.2-15	1 862
55	441890- ex 2	TRANSOM*	6 331	- Taiwan, Prov. of China - 1 November	3.9	3 117
56	4419 ex 00	Waribashi	1 223	- China - 12 May	5.6	1 255
57	ex chapter 44	Wood**	18 289	- All beneficiaries - 1 November	2.5-15	28 012
58	4601 ex 20 460191- ex 2	Products of Igusa or Shichitoi	602	- All beneficiaries - 1 July	6	1 299
59	4602 ex 10	Tatamidoko*	668	- Taiwan, Prov. of China - 13 April - Rep. of Korea - 9 May - China - 27 October	9.6	579
60	4602 ex 10	Basketwork, etc.*	1 282	- China - 4 April - Philippines - 24 June - Indonesia - 15 December	2.5-4.1	1 895

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
62	500100	Silk-worm cocoons	829	- China - 24 October - All beneficiaries - 7 December	140 yen/kg	840
63	5005 ex 00 5006 ex 00	Yarn spun from noil silk not put up for retail sale and silk yarn put up for retail sale	141	- China - 20 April	4.8-9.6	57
64	ex chapter 50 and 5803 ex 90	Silk products**	48	- All beneficiaries - 1 August	4.8-20	91
65	5106	Yarn of carded wool*	229	- Rep. of Korea - 5 April - China - 29 April	3.2	203
66	5107	Yarn of combed wool*	673	- Rep of Korea - Taiwan, Prov. of China - 4 April - Pakistan - 6 June - China - 29 November - Malaysia - 13 January	3.2	3 115
70	ex chapter 52 and 580211, 19 580310	Cotton	159	- Rep. of Korea - China - 4 April - All beneficiaries - 26 September	2.8-11.2 and specifdc duties	165
71	5306 5308 ex 90 5309 5311 ex 00	Yarn and woven fabrics of flax or of ramie	708	- China - 2 November	3-16	440
79	5607 10-29 41-90	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables	174	- All - beneficiaries - 4 April	3-6.4	317

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
80	5701	Carpets and other textile floor coverings*	6 258	- China - 4 April - Iran - 30 June	9.6	8 615
81	570210 31-90 5703 570500	other carpets	5 289	- Pakistan - 5 September - China - 1 November	6-13.4	4 210
83	5810	Embroidery in the piece...	4569	- China - 1 February	17.9	3 573
87	611110-90 -1 6116 ex 10 611691-99	Gloves, mittens and mitts	372	- China - 5 April - Rep. of Korea - 16 May - All beneficiaries - 18 August	5.6-16.8	372
89	6201,03 ex 6207 621020 40 ex 6211	Men's and boys' outer garments	3 424	- All beneficiaries - 4 April	11.2-16	5 201
90	6202,04 ex 6206 ex 6208- ex 6211	Women's girls' and babies' outer garments	4 311	- All - beneficiaries - 20 April	9-16	5 127
92	ex 6206 ex 6208	Women's girls' and babies' under garments	303	- China - 8 April - Taiwan, Prov. of China - 25 April - All beneficiaries - 15 March	9-16	307
93	ex 6209 6212 6216 6217 ex 10	Corsets, gloves, stockings, etc*	720	- Rep. of Korea - 1 June - Taiwan, Prov. of China - 1 August - Thailand - 3 October - China - 5 January	7.8-16	2 231

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
94	ex 6209 ex 6217	Made-up clothing accessories, etc.	933	- All beneficiaries - 4 April	9-16	1 425
95	6213	Handkerchiefs	601	- China - 1 August - All beneficiaries - 1 September	6.4-9	747
96	ex 6302 ex 6303 ex 6304	Bed linen, table linen	2 396	- China - 5 April - All beneficiaries - 24 June	4.5-16.8	2 564
97	630510 20-90	Sacks and bags for packings	0.2	- All beneficiaries - 1 June	3.9-6.4 and specific duties	961
98	ex 6403 ex 6404 ex 6405	Footwear with leather outer soles	12 052 dozen	- All beneficiaries - 4 April	27-60 and specific duties	38 607 dozen
100	ex 6404 ex 6405	Footwear other with rubber or plastic outer soles	753	- Rep. of Korea - Taiwan, Prov. of China - 4 April - All beneficiaries - 5 April	10-60 and specific duties	1 009
101	ex chapter 64	Footwear other*	322	- Rep. of Korea - 1 July - China - 1 December	7.5-60 and specific duties	634

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
104	6702	Artifical flowers	2 748	- China - 20 May - Taiwan, Prov. of China - 2 November All beneficiaires - 24 January	4.6-8	2 763
105	701610 7018	Glass cubes and glass beads, imitation pearls	273	- Taiwan, Prov. of China - 9 June	3.4-10	237
106	7106	Silver	8 335	- All beneficiaries - 1 August	1.9-4.6	15 274
107	7113 911310	Jewellery articles	4 303	- All beneficiaries - 4 April	6.2-6.6	8 583
108	711719 ex 90 911320 90 ex 2	Imitation jewellery watch straps, etc	1 067	- Ref. of Korea - 25 May - Taiwan, Prov. of China - 22 July - All beneficiaries - 29 July	3.2-12.5	1 093
110	7201 ex 10 ex 20	Non-alloy pig iron containing 1.6% of more weight of silicon*	11 783	- Brazil - 3 October	3	5 492
111	720211 19	Ferro-manganese**	5 118 Tons	- All beneficiaries - 25 November	7.7	6 255 Tons

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
113	720230 50, 70-93 7202 ex 99	Other ferro-alloys**	5 194 Tons	- All beneficiaries - 4 April	3-3.9	12'259 Tons
116	720811-24 35,45 721112,19 22,29	Flat rolled products of iron and steel hot rolled**	75 182	- All beneficiaries - 1 December	3.9-4.6	111 968
117	720831-34 41-44, 90 721111,20	Hot rolled plate of iron or non-alloy steel**	60 720	- All beneficiaries - 1 March	3.9-4.6	71 565
118	7209 721130-49	Flat rolled products of iron and steel cold-rolled**	13 022	- All beneficiaries - 1 September	3.9-4.6	22'491
119	721310-49 721410-50 725510-30 90	Bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel**	507	- All beneficiaries - 1 June	3.9-4.6	6 598
120	721711-29 7312 7317	Wire of iron and steel**	1 345	- All beneficiaries - 1 August	3.9	2 690
124	740311-13 740319 ex	Refined copper and copper alloys unwrought	7 738 Tons	- All - beneficiaries - 4 April	15 yen/kg 500 yen the value for custom duty/kg	63 501 Tons
125	740710, 21 7407 ex 29 740811-21 ex 29	Copper bars, rods and profiles, wire*	862 Tons	- Taiwan, Prov. of China - 1 June	5.8	11 291 Tons
131	760120	Aluminium alloys**	25 727 Tons	- All beneficiaries - 1 July	1	50 910 Tons

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		(5)	(6)	(7)
132	ex chapter 76	Alluminium products**	5 411		- All beneficiaries - 1 June	1-10.2	9 878
133	780110	Refined lead	7 391 Tons		- All beneficiaries - 4 April	8 yen/kg 180 yen the value for customs duty/kg	15 304 Tons
135	7901	Unwrought zinc	10 634 Tons		- Peru - 13 April - Rep. of Korea - 18 April	5.76-200 yen/kg; 250 yen the value for customs duty/kg	10 661 Tons
140	9018 ex 49 9401 ex 30-ex 90 9402 ex 9403 ex 9404	Furniture and parts thereof	8 251		- Taiwan, Prov. of China - 1 September	2.4-4.6	6 931
141	9502	Dolls**	1 640		- All beneficiaries - 1 December	4.6	3 031
142	9503	Other toys	4 310		- Rep. of Korea - 25 May	3.4-4.6	4 607
145	960321-90	Brooms, brushes, paint rollers*		1 312	- Taiwan, Prov. of China - 1 July - Rep. of Korea - 1 August - China - 1 August - Sri Lanka - 1 December - Thailand - 1 February	2.6-8	2 811

Sources:

Tsusho Koho (Trade Bulletin), published by JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization), in Japanese. (10 May 1990).

Note:

For a detailed description of goods and the applicable rates, see Customs Tariff Schedules of Japan 1989 (Japan Trade Association, 1989).

*/ Flexible administration of the ceiling.

**/ Flexible administration of the Maximum Amount Limitation.

a/ Million Yen unless otherwise indicated.

b/ Of products covered by the scheme.